

## Inside



Toe Johnson finds a wishing rock that changes everything in “Shorts.” **B4**

## Education

### Troops to Teachers

**Presentation** — A local representative will be available 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 7, in Hangar 2, Rm. 102. No appointment required. Plan approximately 1.5 hours for the presentation. Contact the Force Development Flight at 15mss.dpe@hickam.af.mil.

### Commissioning Briefing

— Briefing will be held at 1 p.m., Oct. 2, in Hangar 2, Rm. 126. This is the starting point for active duty enlisted AF members interested in becoming a commissioned Air Force officer. Contact the Force Development Flight via e-mail 15mss.dpe@hickam.af.mil or call 449-6363 to sign up for the briefing. Plan approximately 1.5 hours for the briefing.

### Discover College

**Information** — The Force Development Flight can provide passwords to the DISCOVER website. This education tool can help determine your interest in civilian careers and education required. Stop by 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, at Hangar 2, Rm. 103, for more information.

### Ta For Language Courses

— Active duty Air Force members (officer or enlisted) can take language courses, and tuition assistance may be used. The language course must be through an accredited institution but doesn’t have to apply to a degree plan. Contact the Base Education Office at 449-6363 or stop by Hangar 2, Rm. 103, to find out more about using tuition assistance.

### PME Test Schedule

— SNCOA, SOS, ACSC, AWC (multiple choice exams only) will be offered at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. AWC essay exams are administered at 8 a.m. on Mondays and at 1 p.m. on Thursdays. Contact the Force Development Flight at 15mss.dpe@hickam.af.mil to get scheduled. Provide your name, SSN, PME course and requested test date/time in your e-mail.

# WARRIOR *of the week*



Photo courtesy of Sr. Airman Matthew Knapp

**Sr. Airman Matthew Knapp, Knowledge Operations Management journeyman, 15th Mission Support Group, works on some of the wing’s computer hardware. Senior Airman Knapp said he is a card-carrying member of the Hickam AFB “Geek Squad.”**

by Mark Doyle

Hickam Kukini Editor

If you’ve had a problem with your computer at Hickam lately, chances are you’ve already met Sr. Airman Matthew Knapp. He’s probably the guy who came over to your office and fixed it.

Senior Airman Knapp, a Knowledge Operations Management journeyman for the 15th Mission Support Group, and this week’s Warrior of the Week, is a computer tech. He

has only been in the Air Force for two years, but without him, many operations at Hickam AFB could actually screech to a halt. As in the other military branches in this country, and throughout corporate America for that matter, much of the Air Force’s communications are via computers and computer networks.

“Without (computers), 90 percent of our workforce would just stop,” he said. “My job is to fix them. We’re the ‘Geek Squad’ of the Air Force.”

Geek or not, Senior Airman Knapp, 21, had

no formal training in computer technology when he entered the Air Force, but he evidently picked it up quickly because, along with his co-workers, he is now in a position on this base where his expertise is valued very highly.

“Senior Airman Knapp is impressive,” said Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Cron, 15th Mission Support Wing Group Superintendent. “Regardless of his experience level on a given task, he takes it upon himself to deliver a quality product. Customer service is a vital aspect to his profession, and he’s a natural.”

For his part, Senior Airman Knapp is quick to point out he has plenty of support.

“The amazing Airmen who work for the Mission Support Group staff, and of course my co-workers at the MSG KOM cell, have made a very large impact on my career choices so far, always giving me positive encouragement to excel at everything I come across, and encouraging me to be my best at some tasks that I have never approached before and know very little about,” he said.

One thing he does know is that he plans to retire from the Air Force, which he said has made him a much more responsible adult and given him a great sense of pride in performing his duties.

“I want to do my 20 years and then see what it’s like in the civilian world,” he said, adding that he might like to stay on with the Air Force as a civil servant. “I hope to achieve my associate’s and bachelor’s degrees, in either IT (Information Technology) or computer management.”

For now, Senior Airman Knapp, originally from Spokane, Wash., is enjoying his first duty station in Hawaii. “I’m a very adventurous person,” he said. “I love to golf and do various activities in the water, and what better place to do that than Hawaii where it’s always 85 degrees and sunny?”

That said, he figures he’ll be stationed on five bases if he does his 20 years, and he hopes Alaska will be his next stop.

“I would like to be stationed at Elmendorf AFB in Alaska,” he explained. “I was recently TDY there and went there on vacation during the winter. It was an amazing experience. Also my wife’s entire family lives there, and it would be nice for her to be home again.”

Senior Airman Knapp and his wife, Amanda, have a beautiful 1-year-old daughter named Hailey Michelle, the young couple’s pride and joy. “She’s running around already,” he crowed. “We have friends who have children this age, and (Hailey Michelle) seems to be more advanced than they are.”

No surprise there — her dad is picking up on his chosen career quickly enough, as well.

# Hickam library hosts traveling astronomy exhibit

by Phyllis Frenzel

Hickam Library Director

Hickam Base Library recently hosted the travelling astronomy exhibit “Visions of the Universe, Four Centuries of Discovery,” which ran July 2–Sep. 5 and helped mark the International Year of Astronomy in 2009.

The Library was privileged to have been one of 40 libraries nationwide selected to host the display, which was sponsored by the American Library Association Public Programs Office, The Space Science Telescope Institute, The Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and NASA. The exhibit featured photos taken by the Hubble telescope and highlighted the development of technology and space exploration since Galileo’s time.

Hickam Library’s partners were Solar System Ambassador James Wallace and Joseph Barrett of Starbase Atlantis on Ford Island. Joseph “Rocket Man” Barrett and his staff generously volunteered their off-work time to conduct hands-on water bottle rocket workshops in conjunction with the exhibit. Both partnerships resulted in programs that brought the information-rich, 12-panel content of the display alive for all visitors and participants.

Wallace’s indispensable knowledge of how NASA thinks helped with the application process and was central to Hickam’s being selected to host the exhibit. In addition, he generated public inter-



Courtesy of Hickam Base Library

**Joe “Rocket Man” Barrett from Starbase Atlantis helps a young girl from Hickam AFB load and launch a high-flying water bottle rocket during one of four workshops Barrett conducted on Sep. 4 on the grassy area outside Hickam Base Library.**

est during the months leading up to the exhibit’s July 2 arrival. In January, he made a presentation on Mercury and, in the months that followed, worked his way from the Sun. The topic of his last presentation on Sep. 17 was on Nebulae and galaxies. He also shared his vast knowledge and unique ability to communicate to diverse audiences with four fourth-grade classes, a home-school group

and members of the Hawaii Library Association who visited on Aug. 29.

Barrett and his enthusiastic staff at Starbase Atlanta — Olivia Barrett, Lincoln Higa and Ythzel Harper — conducted four water bottle rocket workshops during August and September at the library. HLA members who visited the exhibit on Sep. 4 and 5 witnessed groups of 25 excited parents and kids design, build and

launch durable, high-flying water bottle rockets, some of which made as many as 10 flights up to 100 feet. Each Rocketeer, from first to last, received an unwavering, enthusiastic countdown from Starbase staff, which ran two launch pads simultaneously on the grassy area outside of the library in the hot afternoon sun.

Starbase Atlantis is a Department of Defense program sponsored by the U.S. Navy on Ford Island. It is designed to help 5th grade elementary school classes from local schools explore and experience the STEM subjects of science, technology, engineering and math in an exciting hands-on, 25-hour curriculum. For more information about the Starbase program, call (808) 472-7389.

The Solar System Ambassadors Program is sponsored by the JET PROPULSION LABORATORY in Pasadena, Calif., an operating division of the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and a lead research and development center for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Volunteer Ambassadors are space enthusiasts from all walks of life who share their knowledge and love of outer space with the general public. Ambassadors now number 523 in 50 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.

To find an ambassador near you, visit <http://www2.jpl.nasa.gov/ambassador/>. To view exhibit panels and study materials, visit <http://amazing-space.stsci.edu/visions/>.

# Inside SERVICES

## ITT Vendor Fair

Information, Tickets & Travel  
Oct. 2, 3:30-6:30 p.m.  
Officers' Club lanai  
FREE

This event is open to everyone. There will be FREE pupus, wine, beer and gourmet coffee tasting. Dance to your favorite "Big Band" sounds of Jazz and Swing performed by Sonya Mendez and her 5-piece ensemble. Hawaii's best activity and hotel vendors will provide door prizes. The grand prize is two nights stay on Maui, round-trip air fare, three-day car rental and a free Molokini snorkel tour for two. FREE gifts for military retirees. Call ITT at 448-2295 for information.

## Warrior Friday

Officers' Club, Koa Lounge  
Oct. 2, 4:30-10 p.m.

FREE for members  
\$10 for non-members

Enjoy Warrior Friday once a month in conjunction with the Warrior Run. This event is sponsored by 3735th AMS. There will be music, food and games. For more information, call 448-4608.

## Cork Sniffers

Enlisted Club, Molokai Room  
Oct. 5, 6-7 p.m.  
\$15 members  
\$20 non-members

Featuring French wines by

Southern Wine and Spirits. Enjoy generous samples of wines and appetizers. For reservations, call 448-2271. Seating is limited.

## Washer Tournament at Wild Wing Wednesday

J.R. Rockers  
Oct. 7 and 21  
FREE open play: 5-6 p.m.  
\$5 Tournament play: 6-8 p.m.

Washers is a game of skill, similar to horseshoes. For more information, call 448-2271.

## Tour the "Pineapple" Island of Lanai

Information, Tickets & Travel  
Oct. 10-11

Lanai's unspoiled landscape creates a magical charm unlike any of the other islands and is considered a golfer's dream. For reservations, call 448-2295.

## New Zealand: Land of the Long White Clouds

Information, Tickets & Travel  
Nov. 9-21  
\$3,295 per person, based on double occupancy

This tour will acquaint you with North and South Island. The small island nation of New Zealand will dazzle you with snow-topped glaciers, bubbling geysers, golden beaches and rain forests. You will also learn about the country's Maori culture. Tour includes round-trip airfare, transfers, 10-

day hotel accommodations, meals, a local guide and sight-seeing with an ITT escort. Tour destinations include Christchurch, Dunedin, Te Anau, Milford Sound, Queenstown and Auckland. For reservations, call 448-2295.

## Football Frenzy Sundays

J.R. Rockers  
Now through Jan. 3  
7 a.m.-3 p.m. Games aired 7-10 a.m. Breakfast with cook to order omelet buffet: \$3 members, \$8 non-members  
J.R. Rockers menu available all day

J.R. Rockers proudly features Direct TV's NFL Sunday Ticket and the NFL Network. Open to all ranks. For more information, call 448-2271.

## Mondays are for tailgates and BBQ

J.R. Rockers  
4:30-7:30 p.m.  
\$9.95 for adults  
\$5.95 children ages 5-12  
Children under 5 eat FREE  
Open to all ranks

Bring your Monday night football fans to J.R. Rockers and let us cook for you. We will serve ribs, burgers, hot dogs and chicken hot off the grill. Side dishes will include corn on the cob, baked beans, tossed salad with assorted dressing and corn bread. For more information, call 448-2271.

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Tickets & Travel

# Vendor Fair

FREE

All ranks  
welcomed

Oct. 2,  
3:30-6:30 p.m.

Hickam Officers' Club

- Free pupus, gourmet coffee sampling and wine tasting
- "Big Band" sounds of Swing and Jazz performed by Sonya Mendez & Band
- DJ: Island Mobile Production
- Enter raffle drawing to win door prizes
- Grand Prize: 2 night stay on Maui with roundtrip air, 3-day rental car and **FREE** Molokini snorkel tour for two.
- **FREE** retiree gift for the first 250 retirees who RSVP.

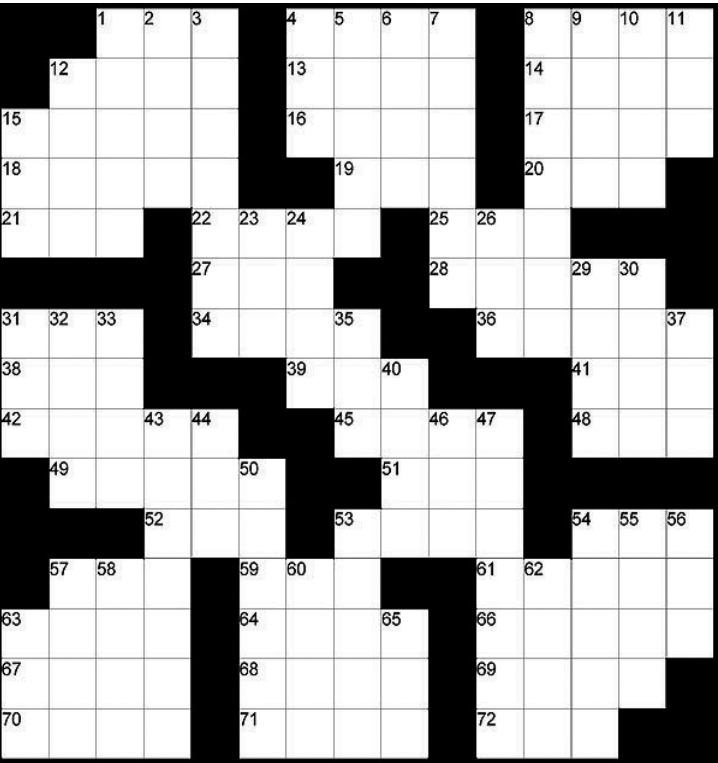
For more information, call 448-2295



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HICKAM AFB  
**SERVICES**  
Casual Support & Community Service

# Crossword Puzzle: old Dominion State Base



By Capt. Tony Wickman  
USAFE Public Affairs

## ACROSS

- Craze
- Declare
- Huge
- First female U.S. Attorney General
- Tomb Raider Croft
- Egyptian goddess of fertility, and wife of Osiris
- Existence
- Fall
- African river
- Start again
- Animal doc
- Feline
- Model/actress Carol
- Woodwind
- Lyrical poem
- Horse food
- Rustic
- MAJCOM Old Dominion State base is assigned
- Podium
- Rot
- USAF annual health exam
- Made a lap
- Hurricane center

- F-15; plane assigned to the Old Dominion State base
- Colorless
- Mil. ID
- Business accords
- Epoch
- Zero
- Gawk at
- Speck
- 192 FW at Old Dominion Base is this component of USAF Total Force
- Dined on
- Red or pink cosmetic for coloring the cheeks or lips
- Strip off a rind
- Converts hides into leather
- Moderator
- Ripped
- Among others, briefly
- Latch on to
- Raggedy Ann’s pal
- Depend on
- Attempt

## DOWN

- Evasive action
- Actress Heche

- Old Dominion State tree
- USAF PME for SrA
- Bibcock
- . Great Lake
- F-22; plane assigned to the Old Dominion State base
- Aut \_\_\_ Aut Mori; Old Dominion State Base unit shield motto
- Continent home to 374 AW
- Fine sand
- Mao \_\_\_-tung; Communist China leader
- Fishing equipment
- Swimsuit part
- Sheep’s noise
- ANG base in Mass.
- Bomb failure
- Pilots with 5+ aerial victories
- Potato chip maker
- Mock
- African country
- Actor Nicolas of National Treasure
- Blue
- Desire
- Oak or elm
- Namesake of the Old Dominion State base
- NY Giant
- \_\_\_ We There Yet?
- Current 1 FW commander at the Old Dominion State base
- Current 1 FW Command Chief at the Old Dominion State base
- Of, pertaining to, or involving punishment, for crimes
- Wonderful
- Double curve molding
- Golf prop
- Long time
- Geek
- Capt. Steve \_\_\_ of 71 FS at Old Dominion State base; shot down Iraqi F-1 Mirage during Operation Desert Storm
- Actor Sharif
- School org.
- Cunning

# SUDOKU: FOR SOLUTIONS, SEE SUDOKU, B5

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# Team Hickam History

## The Air Force’s most historic airfield

**October 1, 1946** — The United States Army Air Forces’ B-29 Superfortress “Dreamboat,” commanded by Colonel Clarence S. Irvine, flies from Hickam Field to Cairo, Egypt, non-stop, in 39 hours and 36 minutes. The bomber made the 9,444-mile flight via the North Pole, following an approximate great circle route from Hawaii, over Alaska, Iceland, London, Paris, Italy and, finally, to Cairo.



**October 1, 1990** — The 25th Air Liaison Squadron activates at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and was assigned to the 15th Air Base Wing.

**October 5, 1942** — The 15th Group emblem, currently worn by

the 15th AW with change in name only, is originally approved. The emblem displayed a motto, PROSE-QUOR ALIS, where we now display 15th Airlift Wing. PROSE-QUOR ALIS translates as “I pursue with wings.”

**October 6, 1962** — Following recovery from a splashdown some 165 miles northeast of Midway Island, the Project Mercury astronauts arrive at Hickam. Cmdr. Walter M. Schirra, Jr., accompanied by the other Project Mercury astronauts (except Alan B. Sheppard), arrived with debriefing teams. On hand to greet the astronauts were Hawaii Governor William F. Quinn, Honolulu Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell, University of Hawaii President Laurence H. Snyder and Jeffery Francis Lord Fisher of Lambeth, retired Archbishop of Canterbury.

# RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

For more information on Base Chapel services , call the Chapel Center at 449-1754. After hours emergency Duty Chaplain via Command Post: 448-6900.

### CATHOLIC

Nelles Chapel  
Weekday Mass  
Mon.-Thurs.,  
11:30 a.m.  
Saturday Confessions  
4:15 p.m.  
Saturday Vigil Mass  
5 p.m.  
Chapel Center  
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

### PROTESTANT

Chapel Center  
Sunday  
Contemporary Service  
8:30 a.m.  
Nelles Chapel  
Traditional (Weekly Holy Communion)  
Service  
9:00 a.m.  
Gospel Service  
10:45 a.m.

### OTHER RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

Buddhist, call 536-7044  
Jewish, call 473-3970  
Mormon, call 488-2434  
Muslim, call 947-0050

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Catholic) Chapel Center  
Sunday (Sep.-May) 9:00 a.m.  
(Protestant) Chapel Center  
Sunday (Sep.-May) AWANA  
3:00 p.m.

### THE GATHERING PLACE

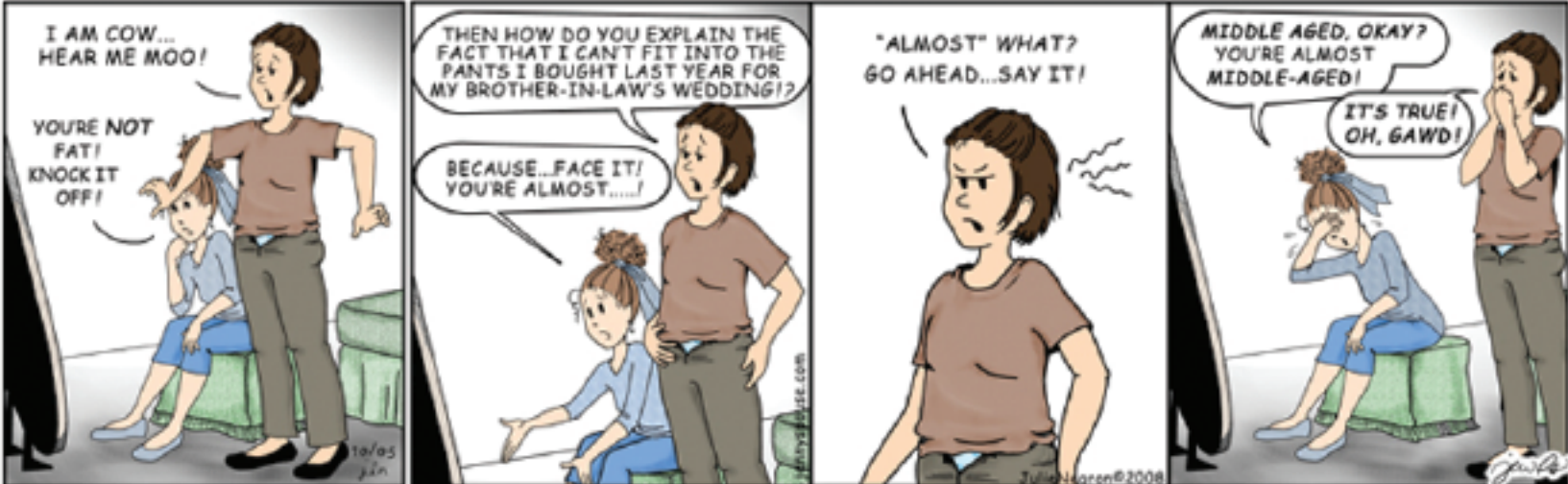
Airmen’s Dorm Coffeehouse  
King Hall First Floor Dayroom – Bldg.  
1856. All Airmen welcome!  
Mon.-Thurs. 6-10 p.m.  
Fri.-Sat. 6-11 p.m.  
Free gourmet espresso, cappuccinos,  
Italian sodas, Video games,  
internet, movies and more  
Dinners every Tuesday at 6 p.m.  
To Volunteer, call the Hickam Chapel  
Center at 449-1754

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## AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 448-2297 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

### DISTRICT 9

Sharlto Copley, David James

A group of aliens became refugees to earth as they were the last survivors of their home world. They were set up in a makeshift home in South Africa's District 9 as the world’s nations argued over what to do with them. Control over the aliens has been contracted out to Multi-National United (MNU), who will receive tremendous profits of they can make the aliens awesome weaponry work. The tension between the aliens and the humans comes to a head when an MNU field operative, Wikus, contacts a mysterious virus that begins changing his DNA.

Rated R (bloody violence and pervasive language) 112 min.



### SHORTS

Katherine Heigl, Gerard Butler

In the little town of Black Falls, every house looks the same, and almost everyone works for Black Box Unlimited Worldwide Industries, purveyors of a device that is sweeping the nation. Toe Johnson, 11, is unimpressed with the company and its wares; he just wants a few friends. Then, a wish-granting rock falls from the sky and changes everything. Soon the town swarms with wishes gone amok, but the trouble really begins when adults get their hands on the rock.

Rated PG ( mild action and some rude humor) 89 min.



# Sports Calendar

## Youth Fall Baseball Clinic

Youth Sports & Fitness  
Vandenberg Youth Baseball Complex  
Oct. 5-9, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Ages 8-15  
\$50 members, \$55 non-members  
Sign up by Oct. 2  
Youth will learn hitting, pitching, throwing, base running and catching. For more information, call 448-4492.

## Link Up 2 Golf For Juniors and Adults

Mamala Bay & Ke’Alohi Par Three Golf Course  
Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24  
Juniors, 8-10 a.m.  
Adults, 1-3:30 p.m.  
\$59/Juniors, \$99/Adults  
This clinic is an introduction to golf. Classes are limited to the first six people who sign-up. Register online at [www.PlayGolfAmerica.com](http://www.PlayGolfAmerica.com). For more information, call 4449-2300 or 448-2318.

## Youth Cheer Clinic

Youth Sports & Fitness  
Oct. 5, 6, 8 and 9  
12:30-3 p.m.  
Ages 5-15  
\$50 members  
\$55 non-members  
Hosted by the State Cheerleading Champions “Radford High School.” Youth will learn tumbling, stunting and cheerleading. Youth will receive a free entry to the Oahu Interscholastic Association (OIA) Cheerleading Championships at Radford

High School in November. For more information, call 448-4492.

## 36-Hole Best Ball Columbus Day Celebration Tournament

Mamala Bay Golf Course  
Oct. 10 and 12  
\$30/team plus green fees  
Sign up by Oct. 6

Prizes awarded for gross and net scores in the various team flights. Format will be stroke play. Tournament is open to all authorized military and DoD members. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 449-2304.

## Bottom Fishing

Outdoor Recreation  
Oct. 10, 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
\$35. Sign up by Oct. 7  
We’ll provide the fishing gear, bait and boat along with some instructions. This trip is great for beginners or the seasoned veteran. For more information, call 449-5215.

## Kayak Fishing

Outdoor Recreation  
Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
\$37. Sign up by Oct. 8  
If you love to fish and want a little exercise to boot, this is the trip for you. We’ll provide the kayak, fishing gear, bait and transportation. For more information, call 449-5215.

## Start Sailing Right

Outdoor Recreation  
Oct. 14, 17, 21 and 24  
Wed., 6-8 p.m.  
Sat., 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
\$167. Sign up by Oct. 7

Learn the ins and outs of sailing. Once the course is completed and you are certified, you will have the opportunity to use three of Hickam Harbor’s sailboats. Class consists of hours classroom theory, 11 hours of on-the-water group instruction and semi-private sailing instruction. Call 449-5215.

## After-school Youth Sailing Program in October

Outdoor Recreation  
Mon., Wed., Fri. (optional advanced)  
3-5 p.m., \$65 per month  
Aspiring Junior Sailors ages 8-16 can join the after-school youth sailing program at Outdoor Recreation. This is a fun and interactive way to learn the basics of sailing. During the month, our instructors will teach tacking, rigging, jibbing, capsize recovery and other sailing techniques. For more information, call 449-5215



Photo by Dana P.M. Smith

# Hickam Gymnastics

Youth Fitness Center instructor LaToya Hairston helps Sydney George, 5, learn a back handspring at the center recently. The YFC is offering three new gymnastics classes for youth in the month of October. For more information, call the center at 590-4750 or 449-4492.

## SOLUTIONS, From B3

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## SUDOKU, From B3

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